



BORIS THE SPIDER

**A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed**

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"*

--Sir Walter Scott--



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DEADLINES SHIFTED!

I'm trying an experiment. By pushing forward the deadline 18 hrs, I figure I get about 8 more effective hours--about two night's worth--to work on the 'zine. The one player who snail mails (usually a day late) will need to mail a couple of days earlier than usual and the Saturday morning caller will need to either e-mail or call Thursday night. It shouldn't affect the rest of you greatly.

As expected, Jim ("Flip") Fryling has won our second game of CIRCUS MAXIMUS. His wife Marcia won the first game. We replace the game with KREMLIN, House Rules for which are on p 13.

We have a quorum for COL DIP, but no room. I ask each of those signed up to confirm your interest by sending in a preference list of countries. If all are on e-mail, we may do it that way. Otherwise, it'll probably be six to eight months before there is an opening.

Ditto, MAHARAJAH. I've run three REPUBLIC OF ROME games pbem, and am inclined to do another.

STANDBY ALERT:

BALKAN WARS: Serbia

MAGIC REALM: Fern & Kyla

Interested parties should send in orders for each position they are interested in. If the present player again fails to submit orders on time, a random drawing will be held.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "Nature has given (us) one tongue but two ears that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak."
---Epictetus.

Any other BPA members out there? WIZARD'S QUEST, TITAN: THE ARENA, and MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA all need GMs!

BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (8¢ free issue) goes unswarded due to "general snottiness".

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Peter Boyum for his "arrogant snottiness" in "Boris XIII".

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CST 5 Mar 99



ITALY OUT! Wormtongue Stabs! Can the Other Four Stop Him? Fall 1905

XII
1998i

MINAS MORGUL: The Italian Admiralty sent orders that the fleets should be scuttled rather than have them fall into French or Austrian hands. While the fleets as a whole are no more, this writer would not be surprised if a few haven't decided to switch flags. Wormtongue, for one, would welcome all the floating stock he can find. While the West is still embroiled, Wormtongue has offered his Germanic cousin, Herr Fisher, some respite by biting off 20% of Germany's main enemy's units. Yet, the time has come for all to decide whether their petty quarrels are more important than having Emperor Wormtongue in charge of Europe.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austrian F NAP retreats to TYN.

AUSTRIA (Frying): A Apu-Nap, F Tyn-Ion, A Con H, A Tri-Ser, A Rom S A Apu-Nap, (A Ven S A Rom), F Aeg-Gre, A Gal-Rum, A Rum-Sev.

ENGLAND (Shacklett): F Edi S F Lon-Nth, F Hol S F Lon-Nth, F Wal-Lpl, F Lon-Nth;

FRANCE (Boym): F Tun S F Mid-Wes, (A Pie-Yen), A Mar-Bur, A Bel H, A Bur-Ruh, F Mid-Wes;

GERMANY (R. Fisher): (A Kie-Ber), A Mun S A Kie-Ber, F Hel S ENG F Lon-Nth;

ITALY (McCabe): F Ion-Aeg, (F Nap Htr-otb);

RUSSIA (Fowble): (F Ank-Con), F Eas-Smy, A Syr-Arm, (A Sil-Ber), A Pru S A Sil-Ber, (A Den-Rie), F Ska-Swe, (F Nth-Hellr-???), A War-Ukr, (F Nwy-Nth).

Orders in brackets fail; nso = not so ordered; nsp = no such place; otb = off the board.

Russian F NTH must retreat otb or to ENG, NRG, SKA, or YOR.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUS: Bud Tri Vie Gre Ser Bul Nap Con Ven +Rom + Rum +Sev

ENG: Edi Lon Lpl Hol

FRA: Bre Mar Par Por Spa Bel +Tun

GER: Ber Kie Mun

ITA: -Rom -Tun

RUS: Mos -Sev Stp War -Rum Swe Nwy Ank Den Smy

(12) Build 3

(4) Even

(7) Build 1

(3) Even

(6) Tear all, OUT

(8) Tear 2 +

* If Russian F NTH retreats otb, then TEAR 1.

Due next time are orders for the retreat, builds/tears, and Spring 1906 and **Press**. Ms Nar crosses Press! Thanks, Phil, for hanging on until the bitter end.

EMBASSY BEAT

France - World: Crush Austria! Where's that hot poker when you need it?

France - Russia: Halt! Go back. Return. Retreat.

France - Austria: Bite me!

Ger to Fra: Hey Froggy, come on and try the wines of the Valleys of the Ruhr. And bring your rifles, we're hunting BEAR later.

Ger to Eng: Hey Linsys, come on out and play--the water's fine and I want to show you some neat places I found in Denmark.

Ger to Ita: Hey not much I can do there, sorry.

Ger to Tur: Bye-Bye.

Ger to Rus: Hey you big bully, you better stay out of Berlin or I'll do something desperate---I'll---I'll soil my armor.

Ger to Aus: Hey PAL, I thought we were buds. Now I got this 800 pound Gorilla breathing down my neck and your playing Thanksgiving in the Orient. Hello! A little help here or you're gonna be smelling BEAR-breath from a direction you won't like.



CONFUSION REIGNS!! England, Russia Rebuffed!

Spring 1982

XIII
1998Q

KLENDATHU: The French mass to storm Fortress Albion but das Reich could just as easily be the target especially with the Russian spearhead driving towards MUN, or is it a pincer on VIE? An unlikely Austro-Turkish alliance seems to be in the making as they mass on the Tsar's exposed southern flank and Italy steams blithely eastward.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

AUSTRIA (Holliday): IF Gre-Bul, A Ser S A Bud-Rum, JA Tri-Ven, A Bud-Rum;

ENGLAND (Trent): IF Nth-Hell, F Nwy-Ska, JA Bel Hjr-???!, IF Lon-Nth, A Edi-Yor;

FRANCE (Gardner): F Por-Mid, A Bur S GER A Hol-Bel, A Spa-Mar, F Bre-Eng, A Par-Pic;

GERMANY (Boyum): IF Den-Nth, A Hol-Bel, A Mun H, IF Kie-Hell, JA Ber-Kie;

ITALY (Anderson): JA Ven S AUS A Triotm, A Tun H, F Ion-Aeg, F Nap-Ion;

RUSSIA (Ja Kanne): JA Rum S A War-Galtr-???, A Gal-Boh, F Bot-Swe, F Bla S A Rum, A War-Gal

TURKEY (Fryling): JA Bul-Rum, F Aeg-Con, A Ank-Arm, F Con-Ank.

Orders in brackets full, oth = off the board, r-??? = unit retreats to ???.

English A BEL must retreat oth or to RUH. Russian A RUM must retreat oth or to SEV or UKR.

Due next time are orders for the retreats and for Fall 1982 and **Press**. Ms Nar craves Press!

EMBASSY BEAT

England-France: Some in the community have mislabeled my A Edi as an 'expeditionary' one. It is merely meant as a tool of domestic security.

England-Germany: Gerbil droppings? C'mon, that's just mean...

England-Russia: I hope the F Nwy-Ska can be proof enough of my goodwill.

England-World: I will not lie down and allow aggressive elements to trounce me!! ... Unless the Kings win the the Finals. Then I will be departing for the Underworld of Hades to open a sno-park. Satan says he'll be my sleighdriver! Some people can actually taste my bitterness.

France - England: I've been hearing nasty things about your intentions, plus it looks like you're trying to get armies onto the continent, which I don't like. So I've decided to bury the hatchet with our sauerkraut-eating friend and start looking your way. This isn't a declaration of war; if you want to work something out, contact me.

Germany - England: You seem still to have your head firmly planted up your backside. The three-way split of your home centers is still in effect and still eminently fair under the circumstances.

Germany - France: I have no message for you at this time. If I did, it would appear here.

Germany - Russia: You're on your own, clown. I offered help and you unwisely turned it down. I wish you the best and suggest a hasty retreat.

Germany - Turkey: I feel I should say something to you but I won't.



BALKAN WARS VI

Serbs Snooze!

Fall 1912

1998f
pb08

CLIFFPHONE: It seems the Philosophers so confused the Serbian Barbarians that they didn't know what to do -- or perhaps it was the drugs in the wine. In either case, the lack of Serbian retreat saved SAL and brought SKO under Greek "protection". None save Athens will be pleased by the two-center swing that this lapse wrought.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Greek A MAC retreats to SKO. Serbian A TIR is NMR so retreats oth.

ALBANIA (McCabe): F Tri H(r-???) A MtJ-Nis, A Tir S A MtJ-Nis;

BULGARIA (Anderson): A Mac-Sal, F Thr S A Mac-Sal, [F Var-Dub], [A Sof S SER A Sko]nsu;

GREECE (R. Fisher): F Cye C A Rho-Ath, A Sko S F Ang-Sal, F Apa-Tri, [F Ang-Sal], F NAS S F Apa-Tri, A Rho-Ath;

RUMANIA (K. Wilson): A Cona-Dub, F NBS S A Cona-Dub, A Buc S ALB A MtJ-Nis, A Bel S ALB A MtJ-Nis, A Tra-Clu;

SERBIA (Gardner): NMR! A Mon Hju), A Val Hju), A Nis Hju, r-???

TURKEY (B. Wilson): F Cone S F Mam-Ang, [A Smy-Cone], F EMS-Rho, F Mam-Ang.

Orders in brackets fail: amb = ambiguous order, d = unit destroyed due to lack of valid retreat; imp = impossible; nrr = no retreat received; nso = unit not so ordered; nap = no such place; nnu = no such unit; oth = off the board; otm = unit on the move; [u] = unit unordered.

Albanian F TRI must retreat oth or to CRO. Greek F AEG must retreat oth or to SMY. Serbian A NIS must retreat oth or to OLT.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

ALB: -Val Bos -Tri +Nis +Tir

BUL: Flo Sof Var Thr

GRE: Ath Sal Spa Cre Mal -Rho +Sko +Smy(?) +Tri

RUM: Buc Cona Gal Bel Dub +Clu

SER: -Nis -Sko Mon -Tir +Val

TUR: Izm -Smy(?) Cyp Cone +Rho

(3) Even *

(4) Even

(7/8) Build 2

(6) Build 1

(2) Tear 1 **

(5/4) Build 1/Even ***

* If Albanian F TRI retreats oth, then Build 1.

** If Serbian A NIS retreats oth, then Even.

*** If Greek F AEG retreats to SMY, Turkey is Even. Otherwise, Build 1.

Due next time are orders for the retreats, the builds/tears, and for Spring 1913.

PRESS:

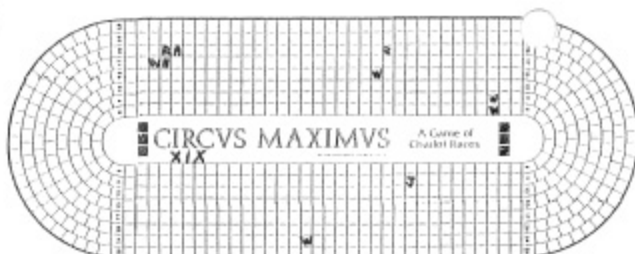
Gre to Tur: Sorry about Rhodes, thought you were going to tank early and wanted a quick build, you can have it back...ah...oh yes: Kill Bulgars!

Gre to Ser: Ah, sorry but I'm in a bit of a bind here.

Gre to Alb: Ah, sorry but you seem to be ripe for the picking, nothing personal.

Turkey to Greece: En route.

Turkey to Boris: Geez, "lost of Tirana?" GM abuse lives!!!!



FLIPPUS WINS!

ODDS	COLOR	DRIVER (CDM/DN)	CART	Whip	Wheels	TEAM	END	Speed	D/E
4-1	Red	Raisdre Al-Ghul (+1/8)	L	y	4/0	551	-4	5	3/2
6-1		Josephis (+2/8)						4	2/2
12-1	White	Flippus Maximus (+1/8)	M	y	0/0	4443	5	16	3/2
247-1	Yellow	Won Hung Lo (+2/8)	H	y	0/0	2325	5	14	2/1
	Black (e)	-	-	-	-	2434	32	13	3/2
	Brown (r)	-	-	-	-	6433	30	16	3/2

TURN XIX:

BROWN Team: 16. Ahead 16 and off.

FLIPPUS MAXIMUS: 16 and whip (5: -5 END = 0; -1 to DM) = 20. Ahead 20 wins!

BLACK Team: 13. Ahead 13.

JOSEPHIS: 4 (on foot). Ahead 4.

WON HUNG LO: 1. Ahead 1.

RAISDRE AL-GHUL: Permanently lose 1 MP to 4. Ahead 4.

Frylingius collects 60,000 s. Coronus collects 12,000 s.

Due next time are any end of race statements.

Press:

Josephis, continuing his impression of Jesse Owens, streaks for the turn.

Flippus spits in Raisdre's general direction.

KREMLIN

We Begin

THE CAST:

R. Fisher (The Republican Electrate for Kriminally Idealistic Entropy Socialists: TREKIES)

Anderson (Bipartisan Organization for Responsible Government: BORG)

Scott (The California Connection: TCC)

Buttita (The Party Knows Best: TPKB)

K. Wilson (October Revolution Reformer Party: ORRP)

Holiday (The Underthebedova: TU)

POLITBURO:

1 = Aparatshik (A, +) 2 = Karrenko (N) 3 = Nogoodnik (V) 4 = Eastatumuch (M)

5 = Nikotin (R) 6 = Shootemdedsky (H) 7 = Waaolin (Z) 8 = Badenuf (X)

CANDIDATES: CDKLS

PEOPLE: BEFGIJOPQTUWY

Your Cards:

Due next time: Your initial IP allocation and any IP you care to declare. See page 13 for details.



EXTRA: London has 7 cards.

THE CAST (in tie-break order)

LONDON (Farrow): 582, 7K, 150M, 15C, ON-1
 BARCELONA (Frueh): 8205, 4K, 125M, 13C, SV-10
 GENOA (Hanna): 852, 6K, 200M, 7C
 VENICE (J Bargender): 8129, 4K, 150M, 13C, Gal-2
 PARIS (McCabe): 598, 3K, 350M, 15C, SV-10

ADV: A,B,E,F,I,J,N,O,R,T,V,X
 ADV: A,B,E,F,I-L,N,O,S,R,V
 ADV: A,B,E,F,I,N,O,R,V
 ADV: A,B,E,F,I,N,O,R,V,W
 ADV: A,E-H,N,O,S

There is a surplus of Silk and a shortage of Timber.

TURN 7: PURCHASE PHASE

Genoa buys 12t. Barcelona buys 14t. Paris buys 18t. Venice buys 21t. London buys 31t.

TURN 8: CARD PLAY PHASE

Genoa plays "Charlemagne".

Barcelona plays "Prince Henry" (810 protection) and "Papal Decree" to ban Religion Advances in Turn 8.

Paris plays "Oldenburg" (no protection) and "Metal" (P +896, L +86).

Venice plays "da Vinci" (no protection) and "Fristea" @ TRE, CON, & ALEX, all reduced to 1T.

London plays "Long Bow", "Columbus" (+30 rebate, \$20 protection), "Copernicus" (840 rebate, \$10 protection), "Civil War" on Barcelona (BAR reduced to 1T, B must lose \$96 or 7t) and "Cloth" (P,G&V +\$20, B +\$51).

DUE NEXT: Turn 8.4 (Purchase), and Turn 8.5 (Expansion).

STATUS

GENOA (Hanna): \$60, 5K, 200M, 7C, 12t
 PARIS (McCabe): \$196, 1K, 350M, 15C, 18t, SV-10
 VENICE (J Bargender): \$128, 2K, 150M, 13C, 21t, Gal-2
 LONDON (Farrow): 857, 2K, 150M, 12C, 31t, ON-1
 BARCELONA (Frueh): \$1977, 2K, 125M, 12C, 14t, SV-10

ADV: A,B,E,F,I,N,O,R,V
 ADV: A,E-H,N,O,S
 ADV: A,B,E,F,I,N,O,R,V,W
 ADV: A,B,E,F,I,J,N,O,R,T,V,X
 ADV: A,B,E,F,I-L,N,O,S,R,V

MAP

B: C @ Alg, Ang, Cre, Fez, Ice, Lis, Sic, Tol, Tun, Val, WAl, Wat; 1T @ Ath, Barca, BAR, Lib, Ors, Pal.
 G: C @ Dj, Flo, GEN, Mar, Mil, Nap, Rom; 1T @ Barl, StG.
 L: C @ Acr, Alep, Ber, Cal, Chi, Cyp, Edi, LON, Por, Smy, Sue, Yon; 1T @ Alex, Arm, Con, Corn, Jer, Lev, Tre, Wal.
 P: C @ Basl, Basq, Bor, Bru, Che, Col, Gra, Lyo, Mon, Nur, PAR, Sev, SIM, Str, Tri; 1T @ Tou.
 V: C @ Bel, Bud, Dub, Erz, Kie, Pot, Pra, Sado, Sar, Tan, Var, VEN, Vie; 1T @ Bre, Corf, Dur, Ess, Gal, Kaf, Salt.

Your cards (Karten) are:

LEGEND: B = BAR, C = colored circle, c = white circle, G = GEN, Gal = galley, K = cards, L = LON, M = misery level, ON = ocean nav, P = PAR, SV = seaworthy vessel, T = colored token, t = white token, V = VEN.

Correction: Hamburg has a C in Cyprus, so earned 96 more. Hamburg purchased a card for \$10 in Turn 8, has \$289 for start.

Player Holdings (in Capitol Choice order):

VENICE (A. Burgender) \$131, 5K, 80M, 13C, 5V-10

BARCELONA (Hanna) 896, 5K, 80M, 13C, OC-1

PARIS (McCabe) \$135, 1K, 100M, 8C, OC-1

HAMBURG (Copeland) \$289, 5K, 90M, 18C, OC-2

LONDON (Bolduc) \$146, 4K, 100M, 15C, OC-3

ADV: A-C,E,F,H-K,N,O,R,S,V-X

ADV: A,F,I,N,R-V

ADV: A,B,E,F,I-L,N,O,R-T

ADV: A-C,E,F,H-L,N,O,R-X

ADV: A,E,F,H,I,N,O,R-V

2 Shortages of Metal for Turn 8.

Token Allocation: PAR - 4t, VEN - 24t, LON - 26t, BAR - 31t & HAM - 33t

Card Play:

PAR - passes on shortage removal purchase of Metal, no card play also

VEN - Play 2 "Grain" cards: +88 to BAR, +832 to HAM and LON, +672 VEN

LON - no card play

BAR - no card play

HAM - Plays "Black Death" on Area III - reduce St. Malo, Paris, Bruges, Dijon, Basel, Strasbourg, Cologne, Nuremberg, Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Remove tokens in Amsterdam, Esseg, St. Gall, Salzburg & Breslau. Play "Pirates/Vikings" attack on South America, India & China - reduction. Play "Famine" - Misery increase: HAM 0, VEN +1, BAR +3, LON +3 & PAR +3 levels. Play "Mysticism Abounds!" - Misery increase: HAM +1, VEN +1, PAR +2, BAR +3 & LON +3.

Note, expansion tokens adjustment required for turn 8.

Mapboard: (C = City or Domination Marker, t = Token)

VEN: C @ Belgrade, Dubrovnik, Florence, Milan, Rome, Sicily & Venice; 1t @ Athena, Bari, Basel, Budapest, Cagliari, Corfu, Dijon, Durazzo, Nuremberg, Prague & Vienna.

BAR: C @ Algiers, Angora, Barcelona, Basque, Constantinople, Crete, Fez, Lisbon, Poti, Seville, Toledo, Tunis & West Africa; 1t @ Leon, Oran, Palma & Toulouse.

PAR: C @ Bordeaux, Montpellier, Sarai & Trebizond; 1t @ Bruges, Paris, St. Malo & Strasbourg.

HAM: C @ Acre, Aleppo, Cyprus, Danzig, East Indies, Erzerum, Granada, Hamburg, Kiev, Lubeck, North America, Novgorod, Riga, Salonika, Stockholm, Suez, Tana & Valencia; 1t @ Cologne, Copenhagen, Stettin & Szolnok.

LON: C @ Alexandria, Bergen, Cairo, Chester, Edinburgh, Iceland, London, Portsmouth, Tripoli, Varna, Waterford & York; 1t @ China, Cornwall, Gallipoli, India, Jerusalem, Kaffa, Kamshia, Königsberg, Levant, Libya, Shetlands, South America & Wales.

GEN: C @ Genoa, Lyons, Marseilles, Naples & Smyrna.

Press: PAR to all - it appears that there are alot of clerics out there. Can't any of them find jobs in there own countries?

GM to PAR - Missionaries duties are never done ... until all souls are saved. HAM is working his plan on winning hearts and minds of Europe.

Player Holdings (in Capitol Choice order):

VENICE (Burgender) 8179, 5K, 100M, 13C, 24t, 5V-10

BARCELONA (Hanna) 873, 5K, 200M, 13C, 31t, OC-1

PARIS (McCabe) \$131, 1K, 250M, 8C, 4t, OC-1

HAMBURG (Copeland) 8288, 1K, 100M, 18C, 32t, OC-2

LONDON (Bolduc) 8152, 4K, 300M, 15C, 23t, OC-3

ADV: A-C,E,F,H-K,N,O,R,S,V-X

ADV: A,F,I,N,R-V

ADV: A,B,E,F,I-L,N,O,R-T

ADV: A-C,E,F,H-L,N,O,R-X

ADV: A,E,F,H,I,N,O,R-V

Orders due next are for Purchases and Expansion phases. Conditional orders and/or general intentions are highly encouraged.



WINE IS FINE

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NYC and B&M Float!



ERRATA: During operating rounds 4.1 & 4.3 NYNH&H had a run of 25 in #4.1 and a run of 10 in #4.2. NYNH&H holders get +3 & +1 or net of 2 for each share. NYNH&H Stock value is B142.

Corrected Individual Assets at start of Stock Round

	Cash	Certificates
D. Farrow	65	2PRR <pre>z</pre> ; 6 Eric <pre>z</pre>
P. Zieske	262	6NYNH&H <pre>z</pre> ; B&O; PRR <Priority>
J. Buttitta	294	6B&O <pre>z</pre> ; NYNH&H; 2PRR
J. Ringhoffer	70	4C&O; PRR
R. Fisher	239	3B&O; 2NYNH&H; 2PRR
C. Hanna	501	5C&O <pre>z</pre> ; NYN

CORPORATION STATUS AT START OF STOCK ROUND

	PREZ	Value	PAR	Pool	IO	CASH	TRAINS	TOKENS	Location	Treas.
NYNH&H	PZ	B142	-	0	0	20	34	0	G19n, P22	CS&L
B&O	JB	D110	-	0	0	402	3	1	I15, J14	D&H
Eric	DF	B90	90	0	4	570	4	2	E11s	
C&O	CH	C82	82	0	1	185	4	2	F6, H10	C&A
PRR	DF	J30br	67	0	2	240	333	2	H12, H10	SV; M&H

STOCK ROUND #5 TRANSACTIONS.

zieske - sells NYNH&H (142); B&O (110); PRR (30). Buys NYC

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 @ 90; treasury = $262 + 142 + 110 + 30 - 180 = 544 - 180 = 364$; NYNH&H, B&O, and PRR drop -> C125, D100, K20 resp.

buttitta - sells NYNH&H (125); B&O (100); 2PRR (40). Buys BAM

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 @ 90; treasury = $294 + 125 + 100 + 40 - 180 = 379$; NYNH&H, B&O, and PRR drop -> D110, E100, K20 respectively

ringhoffer - sells 2C&O @ 82 (+164) - Buys CP

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 @ 90; treasury = $70 + 164 - 180 = 54$; C & O drops -> E71

fisher - buys 3PRR @ 20 (60); treasury = $239 - 60 = 179$; has 5 shares of PRR and takes over presidency of PRR

hanna - buys C&O @ 71; treasury = $501 - 71 = 430$

farrow - sells 2PRR @ 20 (40) and buys B&O (100); treasury = $65 + 40 - 100 = 5$

zieske - Buys NYC @ 90; treasury = $364 - 90 = 274$

buttitta - Buys B&M @ 90; treasury = $379 - 90 = 289$

ringhoffer - passes

fisher - Buys 2 PRR @ 20 (40); treasury = $179 - 40 = 139$

hanna - Buys NYNH&H @ 110; treasury = $430 - 110 = 320$

zieske - Buys NYC @ 90; treasury = $274 - 90 = 184$

buttitta - Buys B&M @ 90; treasury = $289 - 90 = 199$

ringhoffer - passes

fisher - Buys NYNH&H (110); treasury = $139 - 110 = 29$

hanna - Buys B & O @ 100; treasury = $320 - 100 = 220$

farrow - passes

zieske - Buys NYC @ 90; treasury = $184 - 90 = 94$

buttitta - Buys B&M @ 90; treasury = $199 - 90 = 109$

ringhoffer & fisher - pass

hanna - Buys NYC @ 90; treasury = $220 - 90 = 130$; NYC floats

farrow - passes

zieske - Buys NYC @ 90; treasury = $94 - 90 = 4$

buttitta - Buys B&M @ 90; treasury = $109 - 90 = 19$

ringhoffer & fisher - pass

hanna - Buys B&M @ 90; treasury = $130 - 90 = 40$;

all - P A S S. Farrow has priority

Individual Assets at END of Stock Round

	Cash	Certificates
D. Farrow	5	6Erie (prez); B&O <Priority>
P. Zieske	4	5NYNH&H (prez); 6NYC (prez)
J. Butitta	19	5B&O (prez); 6B&M (prez)
J. Ringhofer	54	2C&O; PRR; 2CPI (prez)
R. Fisher	19	3B&O; 3NYNH&H; 7PRR (prez)
C. Hanna	40	6C&O (prez); 2NYNH&H; B&O; NYC; B&M

CORPORATION STATUS AT END OF STOCK ROUND

	Prez	Value	PAR	Pool	IO	CASH	TRAINS	TOKENS	Location	Trees.
NYNH&H	PZ	C125	-	0	0	20	34	0	G19a, F22	CS&L
B&O	JB	D110	-	0	0	402	3	1	I15, J14	D&H
Erie	DF	B90a	90	0	4	570	4	2	E11a	
NYC	PZ	B90b	90	0	3	900	---			
B&M	JB	B90c	90	0	3	900	---			
C&O	CH	E71	82	1	1	185	4	2	F6, H10	C&A
PRR	RF	K20br	67	0	2	240	333	2	H12, H10	SV; M&H
CP	JR	B90	90	0	8	not listed				

TRAINS Available - 4 555 666 DDDDDD USING OPTIONAL 6

TILES AVAILABLE (Special: Tiles #6 & #9 are unlimited)

Yellow: #110, #210, #411, #713, #5714; all others available

Green: #1421, #15101, #2510, #53101, #5410, #5910; all others available

Request OR #5.1: We expect 5's to be purchased and thus a phase change. Since we are only doing one OR we will not stop for phase change. PLAN ACCORDINGLY. DEADLINE - 26 Feb 99 to Zolfo Springs address or by e-mail: wu96@ncl.com. 1 access e-mail USUALLY EVERY OTHER DAY.

Wine Is Fine





SILVERTON

FIRST DEPLETION

Turns 1b/2a



ERRATA: Zieske has \$5200 & Wordelman has \$5000. Farrow surveyed the other \$600/4 route west from Denver.

Wordelmann buys #37 (-\$200). Zieske declines #47.

PLAYER STATUS

- #1. Farrow: \$5400, S+1, P
- #2. Zieske: \$5200, S, P+1
- #3. Chinnery: \$5300, S+1, P, #20
- #4. M. Fisher: \$5200, S, P+1, #43
- #5. Holliday: \$5300, S+1, P
- #6. Wordelmann: \$4800, S, P+1, #37

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

- #6 Georgetown (Au, \$400/\$150)
- #22 Telluride (Ag, \$800/\$200)
- #47 Sunnyside (C, \$500/\$100)
- PAX A1-A6
- #9 Silverton (Au, \$800/\$250)
- #34 Dolores (L, \$700/\$200)
- #54 Bowie (C, \$400/\$200)
- The Deck

TURN 1b/2a ACTION

- #1 (Farrow): Survey west to Fairplay (-\$1500). Prospect #6 (-\$400).
- #2 (Zieske): Survey Colo Springs-Pueblo (-\$300). Prospect #A2 (-\$525).
- #3 (Chinnery): Operate #20 (-\$200). 1+6 = 7 = D1. Survey Pueblo-Canon City (-\$500). Prospect Deck (#28).
- #4 (M Fisher): Survey SE from Provo (-\$200). Prospect #A5 (-\$250).
- #5 (Holliday): Survey Heber City east (-\$1300). Prospect Deck (#35).
- #6 (Wordelmann): Operate #37 (-\$100). 5+6 = 11 = 2L. Survey N from Taos (-\$1300). Prospect Deck (#26).

DISPUTES: None

THE MARKETS:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Au: 2+0x4 = +1 -> 5000 | Denver Ag: 8+0x2+0 = -1 -> 2000 |
| SLC Ag: 2+0x2 = +2 -> 2000 | Denver L: 9+0-0 = -2 -> 300 |
| SLC L: 7+0-0 = -1 -> 500 | Pueblo L: 5+0-0 = +1 -> 600 |
| SFL: 10+0-0 = -2 -> 200 | Denver C: 8+0/2+0 = nc -> 300 |
| SLC C: 6+0/2+0 = nc -> 300 | Pueblo C: 9+0/2+0 = -1 -> 150 |
| SFC: 9+0/2+0 = -1 -> 200 | |

PLAYER STATUS

- #1. Farrow: \$3500, S+1, P, #6
- #2. Zieske: \$4375, S, P+1, A2
- #3. Chinnery: \$4600, S+1, P, #287
- #4. M. Fisher: \$4750, S, P+1, #43, A5
- #5. Holliday: \$4000, S+1, P, #35?
- #6. Wordelmann: \$3400, S, P+1, #37(2L) #267

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

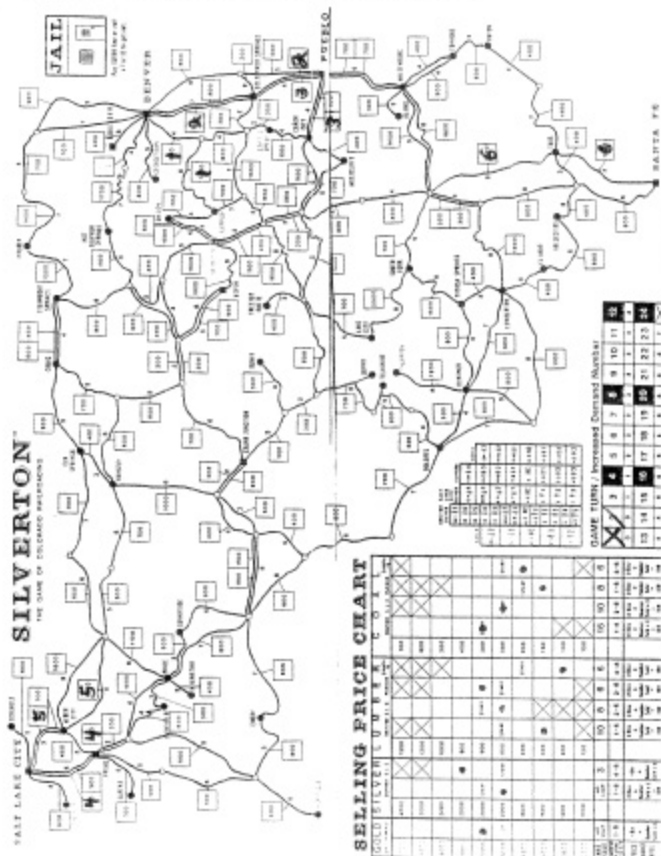
- #9 Silverton (Au, \$800/\$250)
- #26(?) Silverton (Ag, \$500/\$250)
- #34 Dolores (L, \$700/\$200)
- #22 Telluride (Ag, \$800/\$200)
- #28(?) Lake City (Ag, \$500, \$200)
- #35(?) Dolores (L, \$300, \$200)

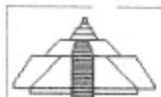
#47 Sunnyside (C, \$500/\$100)
PAX A1, A3, A4, A6, B9, B12

#54 Bowie (C, \$400/\$200)
The Deck

DEPLETIONS: #20

Due next time are your buy decision for the cards prospected from the Deck, your operate decisions for your claims, and your surveying and prospecting druthers for Turn 3.





ADVANCED CIVILIZATION

Bazaar Calm!!
Calamities Abate!
Turns 19.9b-19.18



ERRATA: Crete lost 4T to Famtree (Rhine, Casalpina, Germany, & Pannonia) so thus had 4T more to expand with so was able to build C @ Sparta using 3T & 3t. Illyria didn't need to attack in Rhine, Pannonia, and Germany, so things changed there too. There was no battle at Kanesh. So rereck the corrected "Board".

TURN XX

19.9: TRADE: No one bought gold.

Crete trades Grain, Wine & _____ to Africa for Oil, Cloth, _____ & _____.

Crete trades Cloth, Papyrus & _____ to Assyria for Oil, Timber & _____.

Crete trades Ochre, Timber & _____ to Thrace for Oil, Resin & _____.

Assyria trades 2 Hides & _____ to Egypt for Papyrus, Silver & _____.

Assyria trades 2 Papyrus & _____ to Egypt for 2 Hides, _____ & _____.

Assyria trades 2 Cloth & _____ to Thrace for 2 Ochre, _____, _____ & _____.

19.10: CALAMITY RESOLUTION

TREACHERY: Iberia reduces New Carthage.

BARBARIAN HORDES: Cannot affect Crete.

CIVIL DISORDER: Babylon reduces Mari & Charax.

Due next time are: Turn 19.11 (CIV Card Purchase) to 20.9a (Trade: Buy Gold).

THE BOARD

AFRICA (McCabe): C @ Cirta, Cyrene, Corduba, Palermo, Tarentum, Tripoli; 1S @ Ebusus, Tarentum, W Mauritania; 3T @ Thapsus; 2T @ Cyrenaica, Numidia, Siwa, Subrata, W Mauritania; 1T @ E Mauritania, Ebusus, Judo, Libya, New Africa, Sahara, Syracuse, Tripolitania, Tunisia.
POTTERY, MYSTICISM, ENLIGHTENMENT, CLOTHMAKING, AGRICULTURE, MUSIC, DRAMA & POETRY, ASTRONOMY, METALWORKING, DEISM

ASSYRIA (Scott): C @ Antioch, Gordium, Media, Nineveh; 1S @ Cyprus; 2T @ Armenia, Assyria, Cyprus, Sinope, Van; 1T @ Cappadocia, Caucasus, Kuben, I Armenia, Mikop, Nakhik, Phrygia.
MYSTICISM, ASTRONOMY, CLOTHMAKING, DRAMA & POETRY, ENLIGHTENMENT, LITERACY, COINAGE, MUSIC

BABYLON (Anderson): C @ Aleppo, Arabia, Babylon, Jericho, Parthia, Susa; 1S @ Susa; 4T @ Babylonia; 3T @ Charax, Mesopotamia, Phoenicia, Sumeria, Tyre; 2T @ Carthae, Mari. **COINAGE, MYSTICISM, POTTERY, ENGINEERING, DRAMA & POETRY, MINING, ARCHITECTURE, MUSIC, ENLIGHTENMENT, MEDICINE, LITERACY, LAW, ASTRONOMY**

CRETE (Webb): C @ Apollonia, Argos, Eritrea, Sparta; 1S @ Eritrea, Illyricum; 2T @ Corinth, Delphi, Illyricum, Knosus, Rhodes, Thessaly; 1T @ Athens, Chalcis, Epirus, Ithaca.
METALWORKING, MYSTICISM, POTTERY, CLOTHMAKING

EGYPT (Ringshoffer): 1C @ Buhen; 2T @ Alexandria, Canalis, Corsica, E Desert, Gaza, Memphis, Sardes, Sinai, W Desert. **MYSTICISM, METALWORKING, ASTRONOMY, AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING, POTTERY**

IBERIA (Farrow): C @ Massilia, Rome, Sardinia; 2S @ Rome; 1S @ Narbo; 2T @ Etruria, Galatia, Kanesh, Narbo, New Carthage; 1T @ Aquitania, Baetica, Balears, Hispania, Iberus, Lusitania, Terraconensis. **CLOTHMAKING, POTTERY, MYSTICISM, MUSIC, METALWORKING**

ILLYRIA (Jo Kunze): 1C @ Neapolis; 1S @ Lugdunensis; 5T @ Germany; 4T @ Pannonia; 3T @ L

Germany, Rubicon; 2T @ Aquitania, Belgica, Campania, Londinium; 1T @ Britannia, Caesalpinia, Gaul, Lugdunensis, Rhaetia, Rhine, Samnium, U Germany. **DRAMA & POETRY, POTTERY, CLOTHMAKING, MUSIC, MYSTICISM.**

PIRATES (Nax): C @ Carthage, Phaselos, Salamis; 3T @ Thebes.

THRACE (Zieske): C @ Scythia, Thessalonica, Troy, Tyra; 3T @ Ionia; 2T @ Byzantium, Citrea, Dacia, Danubia, Thrace; 1T @ Lemnos, Lesbos, Moesia, Sudeben. **DRAMA & POETRY, METALWORKING, MYSTICISM, POTTERY, CLOTHMAKING, MUSIC, LITERACY, ASTRONOMY, DEISM, ENGINEERING.**

YOUR CARDS (limit 8: Use them or Lose them!)

HOUSE RULES FOR KREMLIN

1. The Advanced Rules as supplied in the Avalon Hill version of the game will be used except as modified in these rules.
2. The first set of orders mailed in by each player will be the distribution of the 55 allocated IP (these IPs need not be declared yet, merely allocated) and any initial IP declaration.
3. Each game turn is generally divided into two (2) mailings. The first mailing consists of the Cure, Purge, Investigation, and Health phases. The second mailing consists of the Replacement, Rehabilitation and Parade phases. The GM may separate the turn due to unusual intrigue card events.
4. At the end of the 3rd, 6th, and 9th turns a separate mailing turn will be issued for the option of publicly announcing increased IPs or acquiring additional intrigue cards. Conditional orders are recommended.
5. If any of your controlled characters is theoretically eligible to purge, investigate, try, nominate, etc. you should send provisional orders as if he/she will. Likewise, send "Guilty"/"Innocent" votes each turn for all Politburo members under investigation in case they come to trial.
6. Bribes and Deals: The GM requires a copy of all bribes and deals made between the parties involved in order to be able to enforce the three intrigue card limitation. The GM encourages the players to strike deals where you can.
7. Assigned IPs can be declared at any Point in the turn and can be conditional on any events that occur prior to the declaration of the IPs in the same mailing. If, at any time, two or more players have the same number of declared IP on a character, tie breaker points may be used. If this fails to resolve the tie, the GM decides who has control based on when the IP were declared. If the deadlock continues, the GM will flip a coin. Orders such as "declare as many IP on Badenoff to control him in the Purge Phase" will be followed if possible. Any order ambiguities will be handled by the GM as consistently as possible.
8. If a player does not send in orders for the first or second mailing of a turn his characters make no voluntary actions. If he must make nominations, the oldest eligible character is nominated and all votes are "yes" or "guilty". If a player does not send in orders for the "Increase Influence" interphase:
a) He shall draw intrigue cards to fill his hand, b) He shall place any remaining IP on the highest ranking politician possible.
9. Players with European sets take note that some character names have been changed and that the AH rules are not the same as the original Swiss rules.



MAGIC REALM

CRYPT OPENED!
AGAIN, SERPENTS & DEEDONS!



THE CAST:

Dave Anderson: Buster the Berserker
John Butitta: Rosalinda Irontoes the Amazon
Don Chinnery: Wanderer the Pilgrim
Pitt Crandlemire: Fern Crystallight the optional Woods Girl (inactive)
Dan Farrow: Sir Guler the White Knight
TJ Klausutis: Old Bat the Witch with DC her Familiar (deceased)
Phil McCabe: Connor the Dwarf (deceased)
Connor Jr the Dwarf
Debbie Osborne: Xyla the optional Woods Girl (inactive)

EVENING 12

No actions.

MONSTER ROLL = 2

DAY 13

MONSTER ROLL = 2

Sir Guler @ HP2: M L4, M L1, M L3, RUMAGIC 10*. Reveal Ruins M, Cairns 5.

Buster & R5-7 @ M16: H16,1 = ni, M M14, M M14, HR17: 1,1 = Opportunity: 5,4 = x41. Reveal Smoke M, Shrine 4.

Rosalinda Irontoes @ BV4: S(Loot: 4,2 = nothing), S(Loot: 4,2 = nothing), S(Loot: 5,5 = nothing), S(Loot: 6,1 = nothing).

Connor Jr @ DW1: M OW4, M OW2. Reveal Ruins W.

Wanderer @ M14. Situates "T" clobber to open Crypt, Loot Crypt: 4,2 = treasure), S(Loot: 4,4 = nothing), S(Loot: 5,3 = +1G), S(Loot: 6,3 = Curse: 6,3 = Disguist). Buster discovers the Crypt.

Lancers @ BV4: S(Loot: 4,4 = nothing), S(Loot: 4,2 = nothing), S(Loot: 6,2 = nothing), S(Loot: 4,1 = nothing).

COMBAT: Buster and the boys could attack Wanderer or vice versa. Spells may be cast.

Due next time, Combat and Spells for Day 13 and orders for Day 14. Remember, Ralph and the boys quit on Day 14 and some monsters may reset.

BOARD NOTES: The Inn is at BV4. The Patrol & Chapel are at EV5. The ghosts are at DV5. The House is at CV4. The Guard are at AV5. The Lost Castle is at DW1. The Hoard, the T F Dragon, a T dragon and both H F dragons are at DW6. The Lair and Xyla & Fern w/ the Flowers of Rest (GOLD) are at DW3. The Shrine and the Crypt of the Knight are at M14. Three horses are at the Inn. The Cairns are at L5. The Pool is at HP6.

DEAD PILE: 3 bats, 3 H spiders, 2 giants, T F demon, 4 Soldiers, Rogues HQ & 1-4.

STELLAR CONQUEST

JTK: Due next are orders for combat for Turn 42 and for Movement for Turns 43-44. Remember, this is a variable ending game, so Turn 44 has a 50% chance of being the last turn.

Willie: Awaiting Turn 6 combat and any changes to Turns 7-8 movement.

Tommy: Awaiting resolution of GM error on Turn 18. Expect Turn 22 combat soon.



AGAMEMNON

EPOCH II Ends

EPOCH III Empires Assigned



TAO (43+)

Azure: David Anderson

Black: Rudy Zodda

Green: Dan Farrow

Orange: Phil McCabe

Purple: Chris Trent

Red: Paul Zieske

Options in Play: Preservation of Culture (colored monuments), Fortresses, US Navy (may place fleet in Atl or Pac, not both), Persistence of Culture (extra event cards)

Agard:

AI: EAn, MTIC; AH: ShaC1..

BI: Hin, Tur, UNIC, f; BII: Che, GPC, Tar(BM), Yelc;

GI: SiK; GII: LiniOM, PSD, UlnIC, GM; Zag

OI: Cey, EGH, WDe, WGH;

PI: Cre2,C,f, Pin; PII: Alb, Dal, Mor2,C,F,PM, Law)

RI: Ars, Lib(?), NHIC, RM, Nub, Sib(?), Wetc, BM; RII: Cau, Dni, CEu, NGa; RVI: Lev(C), UTI

WI: LTI2,C,f

Fleets: EMS(R), WMS(P)

Score (SP/VP): OI(9), GI(10/20), BI(1/30), RI(2/31), AI(12/6+), PI(13/21)

EPOCH II (Continued):

CARTHAGINIANS (A): Play "N. American Migrants" (AVII): 1A @ Dee, 1A @ Win. Play "Pirates": 1F @ Car. Play 1A,C,AM @ Sha (RI r-Sib), F @ WMS (5,6:4 -PF), 1A @ Lib (5,6:4 -RI), 2A @ Sib (5,2:5; 5,4:4; 4,1:6; 6,1:6; 5,2:4 -2RI -IAII), 1A @ Nil (5,1:3 -1RI -C, +cl 1A @ Pol, 1A @ Lev (5,2:2 -1RVI, -RFIEMS) -C, +c). Score: 6 + C(2X2) + c(2) + S(2) + M(1X2+1) + Mid E(D-6) + N Afr(D-4) + S Eur(P-2) = 29.

PERSIA (O): Play "Elite Troops". 1A,C,OM @ PPI 1A @ Hin (5,4,4:2 -1BI), 1A @ Surprise Attack @ Uln (-1GII, -C, +c), 1A @ Lin (5,4,4:1 -1GII), 1A @ GaV, 1A @ GaD, 1A @ W EDe, 1A @ Zag (3,2,1:3 -Elite Troops; 1,1:1; 6,3:4 -1GII), 1A @ EAn (5,3:2 -1AI), 1A @ Wan, 1A @ Tur (5,5:5; 6,2:4 -1BI), 1F @ Bla, 1A @ Bal, 1A @ DAn, 1A @ MTI (5,3:2 -1AI, -C +cl. Score: 9 + C(1X2) + c(2) + S(1) + M(2X2+1) + Mid E(D-4) + India (C-6) + S Eur (P-2) = 31.

EPOCH III: Green passes to Black. Black passes to Orange. Red passes to Azure. Azure passes Green. Purple keeps. Orange has to pass to Red. Due up next: Orders for Celts (A), Macedonians, Mauryans, and Han.

Agard:

AII: Lev(C), Lib, Nile, RM, Pol, ShaC, AMI, Sib; AVII: Dee, Win.

BII: UNIC, f; BIII: Che, GPC, Tar(BM), Yelc.

OII: SiK; OIII: PSD.

OII: Cey, EGH, WDe, WGH;

OIII: Bal, Dan, EAn, EDe, GaD, GaV, Hin, LiniOMI, MTI, PPI, C,OMI Tur, Uln(GM,c), Wan, Zag.

PI: Cre2,C,f, Pin; PII: Alb, Dal, Mor2,C,F,PM, Law).

RI: Ars, Nub, Wetc, BM; RII: Cau, Dni, CEu, NGa; RVI: UTI.

WI: LTI2,C,f

Fleets: Bln (OI, Car(A), WMS(A))

Score (SP/VP): GI(10/20), BI(1/30), RI(2/31), AI(12/29), PI(13/21), OI(19/31)

THE CAST

#1: David Anderson (A) #2: Dan Farrow (F) #3: Don Chinnery (C) #4: Paul Zieske (Z)

ERRATA: F has 1 ore, C has 2, and Z has 3. Z has 3 sheep.

TURNS 6.1-7.1:

A: 4. C collects lumber at b2. Z collects sheep at e4. No trade. No action.

F: 10. A collects 1 grain from d3. F collects 2 grain from d6. No trade. No action.

C: 8. A collects lumber from c2. Z collects ore from e5. No trade. No action.

Z: 8. A collects lumber from c2. Z collects ore from e5. Play Knight to move Robber to d6 and steal grain from F. Trade 2 sheep to A for 2 grain. Upgrade d5/e4/e5 to City (2 grain, 3 ore). Buy card (-1 grain, ore, sheep).

A: 9. F collects 2 bricks from c5. F collects 1 sheep from c3. Trade 4 grain for 1 ore. No action.

STANDING TRADE OFFERS:

A will trade 1 grain for 1 brick.

Player	brick	grain	lumber	ore	sheep	VP	Knights	Cards	
Anderson	0	3	3	0	2	4	0	0	Road
Farrow	2	3	0	1	1	3	0	1	
Chinnery	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	
Zieske	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	

Due next time are orders for Turns 7.2-8.2.

Rolls for Turns 7.2-8.2:

Farrow: 8 Chinnery: 7 Zieske: 5 Anderson: 7 Farrow: 3

LEGEND:

? generic 3:1 port

H/b hill hex/brick special port

F/l forest hex/lumber special port

M/o mountain hex/ore special port

P/s pasture hex/sheep special port

R robber

W water tile

dice number

D desert hex

G/g grain hex/grain special port

YOUR CARD:



ON DECK

1830: Copeland, Watson, ???

ADV CIV: McCabe, Crandlemire?, Anderson, Scott, (Webb; need 4+ more

AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland, Watson, Fruch, (Webb)

AIR BARON: Copeland, Crandlemire?, Buttita, Ringhoffer, Wordelmann

BRITANNIA: Hanna, Boyum, Copeland, Zodda, Anderson

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Copeland

Tourney Rules: Anderson, Crandlemire?, R Fisher, need 5 more

CONQUISTADOR: Copeland, Crandlemire?, York, Scott

DIPLOMACY:

Regular: Geraet?, Gorham, Trent

Colonial: McCabe, Anderson, Boyum, Sandoval, B Wilson, Zodda, Copeland; need space

DOWN WITH THE KING: Copeland, Anderson

DUNE: K Wilson, Anderson, Crandlemire?, R Fisher, Saunders(?); need 2-5 more

GUNSLINGER: Anderson, Crandlemire?, Farrow, Scott; need 3 more

JUNTA: Copeland, Gardner, Anderson

KINGMAKER*: (Webb)

KREMLIN: R Fisher, K Wilson, Buttita, Crandlemire?, Anderson, Hollday, Scott, Zodda

MACHIAVELLI: Scott

MAHARAJA: Crandlemire?, K Wilson, Khaos, Hanna, Anderson

MERCHANT OF VENUS: Buttita, K Wilson, Wordelmann, Watson; need 2 more

MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA: Buttita, TJ & L Klausutis(?)

REPUBLIC OF ROME: Centurius Populus, Copeland, (Webb)

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Crandlemire?, K Wilson?, A Bargender, Copeland, Scott

TITAN: Crandlemire?, Khaos, A & J Bargender, (Webb); need 1 or 2 more

OTHER POSSIBILITIES: 1829 (N OR S), 1856, 1870, AD 4000 (*), CIRCUS IMPERIUM, GLADIATOR, KAMAKURA, PLANET MINERS, SOURCE OF THE NILE (*)

* Offered by guest GM, when space is available.

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